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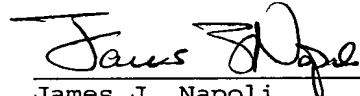
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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated October 26, 2005,  
applicants are required to elect one of the following  
inventions:

Group (I), claims 1-19, directed to surface  
crosslinked superabsorbent particles and a method of  
preparing the same;

Group (II), claims 20-22, directed to a  
method of absorbing an aqueous medium;

Group (III), claims 23-27, directed to an  
absorbent article; and